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REMARKS

Claims 3-15, 17, 18, and 20-28, as amended, remain herein. Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled and rewritten as new independent claim 27, and claims 16 and 19 have been canceled and rewritten as new independent claim 28.

Claims 9-15 have previously been allowed, and claims 2-5 were indicated to contain allowable subject matter. Allowable claim 2 has been rewritten to independent form as new claim 28 upon which claims 3-8 and 26 now depend. Allowable claim 19 has been rewritten to independent form as new claim 27 upon which claims 17, 18, and 20-25 now depend.


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Since only allowed or allowable claims are pending in this application, prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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